

MOSES J. HILL.

MARCH 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SEDGWICK, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Moses J. Hill, of the State of Illinois, asking for an appropriation to enable him to test his invention of a percussion bomb-shell, beg leave to report:

That they have had said memorial under consideration, and find, from the papers presented, that the invention has been pronounced valueless by the Ordnance department, and that a patent therefor has been refused at the Patent Office; that no evidence has been produced tending to show that there is any merit or value in the invention, and they recommend that the prayer of the petitioner for an appropriation be denied.

MORRIS J. LILLIE

Mr. Lillie, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made the following report:

REPORT.

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Messrs. W. H. and E. H. Lillie, asking for an appropriation to enable them to conduct a proposed expedition to the coast of Africa, to report.

That they have had and examined under consideration, and find that the same is not a proper subject for the consideration of the House of Representatives, and that a bill for the purpose has been introduced at the same time; that no evidence has been produced tending to show that there is any benefit or value in the expedition, and they recommended that the prayer of the petition for an appropriation be denied.